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FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.497 INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP04/15150 TITLE OF APPLICATION SILANE COMPOUND, POLYSILOXANE, AND RADIATION-SENSITIVE RESIN COMPOSITION ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 70020.0076USWO U.S. APPLICATION SERIAL NO. (If known, see 37 C.F.R. §1.5) 10/576,075 PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED October 15, 2003

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the notification dated March 1, 2007, and in compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.497(a) and (b), Applicants submit herewith an executed Declaration in connection with the above-referenced patent application. The Declaration identifies the instant application by its title "SILANE COMPOUND, POLYSILOXANE, AND RADIATION-SENSITIVE RESIN COMPOSITION," which title was on the specification of the application as filed under 35 U.S.C. §371 on April 14, 2006. The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In view of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination on the merits and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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